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#### I.S.T.U.G. MEETING

The meeting for June is to be held at Frank and Carol Davis's new country place out on RR4, Peru, Indiana. This is not the farm many of you have heard about, but a new building site; for at present, a guest house and all around place to get away from the city. This will be a combined family picnic and June meeting. The main meat courses will be provided along with salad. All are encouraged to bring a favorite dish, dessert or baked goods. Table settings will be provided. Feel free to bring both family or a guest as this is to be both an educational and fun day (perhaps the two can be combined?). The event will start at 1:30 PM, but come a little early if you wish and lend a hand. Construction is not finished yet on the new guest house. Directions are as follows. From US 31 going North, take the Peru exit on Business 31. Just prior to the bridge, turn left onto a country road and go about 4 miles. The road will turn into a gravel road...about 1/4 mile and you will see a chain link fence on your left. Pull into the drive and you are there. For additional directions call me at 317-473-8031, but call before Saturday, June 30th, as we will be out in the country and there is no phone as of yet.

The July meeting will be held on July 28th, 1:30 PM at the Eagledale Public Library. For those who need directions call Paul Holmgren at 317-291-6002 or Frank Davis at 317-473-8031.

The August meeting will also be held at the Eagledale Public library at 1:30 PM on August 25th. See you there!

#### REPORT ON THE SINCLAIR EXPO IN MILWAUKEE

Carol and I had a rather hectic and traffic filled drive past Chicago to get to the Sinclair EXPO, put on by SMUG. We got there and with the help of Bill Angel got our station wagon unloaded. After hurriedly changing clothes we barely got to the banquet at the starting time. We were pleased to see so many familiar faces, after all many of these people have made it to all of the Sinclair Fests in the past, from Cincinnati, to Indy, to Cleveland, to Wash. D.C., and to Florida and the Great Northwest Shows! The people at SMUG were so right to call this a family reunion. Many thanks to Neal, Bill, Dick and the rest of this fine users group. Sinclair users make good friends.

The banquet offered variety to eat and was done in a timely manner by the hotel. And...of course we had pleasant company for the banquet (actually the entire show, I met no Sinclair user that I feel the need to complain about).

Carol and I picked up some really nice t-shirts, momentos of the Sinclair Expo, which was truly a "family reunion". There were seminars on Forth, Robotics, Modems, Computer Intelligence, Quill-how to use it, Archive Program DBADDRES and Desk Top Publishing. The one on desk top publishing was done by Mike Felerski and Frank Davis covering the TS2068 and the QL.

There were some vendors that apparently felt they had no need to attend the show for some reason or other. I wish they had been there, but those who did make it had a profitable time. Among those who were there were as follows: EMSOFT (Peter Hale of Boston), MECHANICAL AFFINITY (Frank Davis and Paul Holmgren of Indiana), WOOD AND WIND COMPUTING (Bill Cable of New Hampshire), ZEBRA SYSTEMS INC. (manned by members of SMUG), Mike Hammer doing Sinclair repairs and offering refurbished TS2068s, and the following user groups...CATS, CATUG, DMA, GCSUG, ISTUG, SMUG, SNUG. There were a number of people doing a flea market of used hardware and software. Eric Johnson, who would have been offering refurbished TS1500s and TS2068s and repair parts, had major auto trouble part way there and did not show. Paul Holmgren, the QUANTA librarian was selling library disks. Al Feng of Platypus Software was demoing his software (which is quite good and worth the price) and Bob Swoger was offering Logically, a must for Larken users. There is talk of doing the next show in Chicago. If that is true, perhaps ISTUG and SMUG can help out as co-sponsors and make it a really big show.

#### HINTS AND TIPS ON SINCLAIRS by E.P. Wannum

For those just getting familiar with the QL I offer the two following bits of advice for you to try. Once you are familiar with them you will be ready to use them and have fun. To the degree that you make progress at a hobby it will remain fun.

(1) Screen saving on the QL is easy, but uses 32K of storage on disk or mdv to do so. The screen starts at memory address \$20000 (131072) and finishes at \$27FFF (163839). The easiest way to save to MDV is to have the command SBYTES mdv1\_picture, 131072, 32768 in your screen design program. To get back (load) the picture you execute the statement LBYTES mdv1\_picture, 131072. The name "picture" is used only as an example and can be any name that you wish. What is a SCREEN? When you look at a picture on your monitor, from top to bottom, and left to right, then you are looking at a screen.

(2) The DIR command will take a channel number assigned to it, such as Dir#2, MDV1\_file. This will list the directory information of the MDV on channel two. The DIR command is similar to the CAT (catalog) command that TS2068 Oliger users are use to. You can use this to compare two directories that are fairly long by listing on different channels, rather than the first listing being displaced by the second. Then you can do a look-see and check for any differences.

#### ISTUG PICNIC NOTE

Soft drinks and water will be provided by the hosts at the picnic, but feel free to bring any other drinks as you desire. And just a reminder to any other Sinclair user who is not a member of ISTUG, you are also invited to attend.

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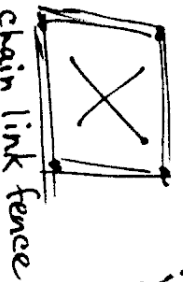
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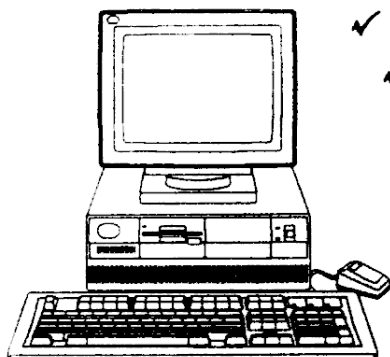
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## **Z88 NEW OPTIONS-NEW ADVERTISING**

By Mike Felerski

ANY PERSON IN THE COMPUTER FIELD WHO WORKS WITH DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION COMPUTER SYSTEMS MOST LIKELY RECEIVES A MAGAZINE CALLED **DEC PROFESSIONAL**. IN THE MARCH ISSUE ON THE FIRST PAGE AFTER THE COVER PAGE IS AN ADVERTISEMENT FROM **CAMBRIDGE NORTH AMERICA** FOR THE Z88 PORTABLE COMPUTER. WHAT IS A Z88

ADVERTISEMENT DOING IN A MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO PDPS AND VAXs? THE KEY TO THE AD IS THAT THE Z88 NOW HAS VT100, 220 & 320 TERMINAL EMULATION SOFTWARE. THIS COULD OPEN A TREMENDOUS MARKET FOR THE Z88. THE REASON IS THAT VT100 IS A BASELINE STANDARD FOR DISPLAYING TEXT AND LIMITED GRAPHICS ON A SCREEN. ALONG WITH THIS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE LATEST MODELS OF DIGITAL TERMINALS (I.E. VT220 AND VT320) ARE ALL DOWN-HARD COMPATIBLE AND EMULATE THE VT100 STANDARD. LAST YEAR DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION REPORTEDLY SOLD OVER ONE HALF MILLION VT320 TERMINALS AND EXPECT TO SELL MORE THIS YEAR. SO, Z88 OWNERS DO NOT DISPAIRE, AND PROSPECTIVE Z88 BUYERS, NOW THERE IS EVEN MORE REASON TO PURCHASE THAT Z88 YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED!



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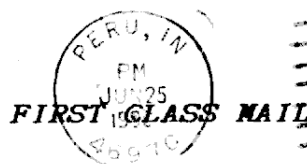
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